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Respectfully submitted,

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International Search Report PCT/US 03/08578

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category ^o	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 346 553 A (PINGEL JOACHIM) 13 September 1994 (1994-09-13) column 3, line 33,34 abstract ---	1-7, 21, 22
X	DE 39 33 745 A (HESTERMANN GERHARD) 11 April 1991 (1991-04-11) column 8, line 42 - line 61 figures ---	1, 2, 21
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